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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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ORIGINATOR REF NO

FROM: CG SAC XRAY TOKYO JAPAN

ACTION: CG SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

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Per DOD letter 10/6/96
By: HRC; Date 10/30/96

PERS FOR LEMAY FROM CLARK

WEYLAND HAS PROPOSED CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE OF AIRFIELDS, HEAVY INDUSTRY, NAVAL FACILITIES AND OTHER FACILITIES OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF LOWER MARITIME MILITARY DISTRICT TO OBTAIN RADAR SCOPE PHOTOGRAPHY. IN VIEW OF OPERATIONS CALLED FOR BY FEC EWP AND SAC EWP, I CONSIDER IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY PHOTOGRAPHY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. THESE OPERATIONS SHOULD ALSO DEVELOP VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE ON SOVIET AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AND ELECTRONIC OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS OF INTEREST.

I FULLY RECONGIZE THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE OPERATIONS BUT DO NOT FEEL THEY WOULD, IF DETECTED, CAUSE OVERT SOVIET PARTICIPATI IN KOREA OR AGAINST THE FEC. PREVIOUS FLIGHTS INTO [ ] HAVE EVINCED LITTLE REACTION. CONDUCT OF PROPOSED FLIGHTS UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AND WEATHER SHOULD REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

PROPOSED DETAILS FOLLOW: PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST ARE

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ADDRESSEE WILL HANDLE MESSAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATEMENT CHECKED BELOW:

X Paraphrase not required. Handle as TOP SECRET matter per par 55g(1), AFR 205-1.

___ This message requires paraphrase. See par 55c(4) and 55g(2), AFR 205-1.

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RB-45 WILL BE EMPLOYED OPERATING AT 30,000 TO 35,000 FEET UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AND WEATHER. ESTIMATE COMPLETE COVERAGE IN 4 TO 6 FLIGHTS EXTENT AND AREA OF WEATHER COVERAGE WILL DETERMINE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS TO BE ATTEMPTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

I FEEL IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED OPERATIONS BEFORE ASKING JCS FOR AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THESE FLIGHTS. THEREFORE, REQUEST YOU VERIFY YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR THIS RECONNAISSANCE BY RADIO PRIOR TO 20 FEB 53. SIGNED CLARK.

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